

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Pending Claims

Claims 1-44 (Canceled).

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): A [[The]] method of manufacturing a reclosable bag, comprising the following steps: as recited in claim 41,

(a) arranging and sealing film material to form a receptacle having a mouth and an interior volume with a tamper-evident feature that blocks access to said interior volume;

(b) prior to completion of said receptacle with tamper-evident feature, joining opposing portions of said film material, that will form said mouth of said receptacle, to respective backs of first and second flangeless zipper strips;

(c) aligning said first and second flangeless zipper strips with each other; and

(d) after steps (b) and (c), mounting a slider onto said aligned first and second flangeless zipper strips with respective portions of said opposing portions of said film material being disposed between respective side walls of said slider and respective backs of said first and second flangeless zipper strips,

wherein said arranging step in step (a) comprises folding first and second webs of film material of different width into generally U-shaped structures having marginal edges that are generally aligned, said opposing portions of said film material comprising respective portions of said first and

second webs proximal to said marginal edges.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): A [[The]] method of manufacturing a reclosable bag, comprising the following steps: as recited in claim 41,

(a) arranging and sealing film material to form a receptacle having a mouth and an interior volume with a tamper-evident feature that blocks access to said interior volume;

(b) prior to completion of said receptacle with tamper-evident feature, joining opposing portions of said film material, that will form said mouth of said receptacle, to respective backs of first and second flangeless zipper strips;

(c) aligning said first and second flangeless zipper strips with each other; and

(d) after steps (b) and (c), mounting a slider onto said aligned first and second flangeless zipper strips with respective portions of said opposing portions of said film material being disposed between respective side walls of said slider and respective backs of said first and second flangeless zipper strips,

wherein said arranging step in step (a) comprises folding first and second portions of film material to form first and second flaps, and said sealing step in step (a) comprises joining a length of peel seal material to said first and second flaps.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): A [[The]] method of manufacturing a reclosable bag, comprising the following steps: as recited in claim 41,

(a) arranging and sealing film material to form a receptacle having a mouth and an interior volume with a tamper-evident feature that blocks access to said interior volume;

(b) prior to completion of said receptacle with tamper-evident feature, joining opposing portions of said film material, that will form said mouth of said receptacle, to respective backs of first and second flangeless zipper strips;

(c) aligning said first and second flangeless zipper strips with each other; and

(d) after steps (b) and (c), mounting a slider onto said aligned first and second flangeless zipper strips with respective portions of said opposing portions of said film material being disposed between respective side walls of said slider and respective backs of said first and second flangeless zipper strips,

wherein said arranging step in step (a) comprises folding a web of film material so that one marginal edge of said web is proximal to a portion of said web located at a predetermined distance from the other marginal edge of said web, and said sealing step in step (a) comprises joining said one marginal edge to said web portion located at a predetermined distance from said other marginal edge.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): A [[The]] method of manufacturing a reclosable bag, comprising the following steps: as recited in claim 41,

(a) arranging and sealing film material to form a receptacle having a mouth and an interior volume with a tamper-

evident feature that blocks access to said interior volume;

(b) prior to completion of said receptacle with tamper-evident feature, joining opposing portions of said film material, that will form said mouth of said receptacle, to respective backs of first and second flangeless zipper strips;

(c) aligning said first and second flangeless zipper strips with each other; and

(d) after steps (b) and (c), mounting a slider onto said aligned first and second flangeless zipper strips with respective portions of said opposing portions of said film material being disposed between respective side walls of said slider and respective backs of said first and second flangeless zipper strips,

wherein said arranging step in step (a) comprises folding a web of film material so that one marginal edge of said web is proximal to a portion of said web located at a predetermined distance from the other marginal edge of said web, and said sealing step in step (a) comprises joining a length of peel seal material to said one marginal edge and said web portion located at a predetermined distance from said other marginal edge.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): A [[The]] method of manufacturing a reclosable bag, comprising the following steps:
~~as recited in claim 41,~~

(a) arranging and sealing film material to form a receptacle having a mouth and an interior volume with a tamper-evident feature that blocks access to said interior volume;

(b) prior to completion of said receptacle with tamper-evident feature, joining opposing portions of said film material, that will form said mouth of said receptacle, to respective backs of first and second flangeless zipper strips;

(c) aligning said first and second flangeless zipper strips with each other; and

(d) after steps (b) and (c), mounting a slider onto said aligned first and second flangeless zipper strips with respective portions of said opposing portions of said film material being disposed between respective side walls of said slider and respective backs of said first and second flangeless zipper strips,

wherein said arranging step in step (a) comprises folding a web of film material to form a generally U-shaped structure, and placing a panel of film material with one marginal edge of said panel generally aligned with one marginal edge of said folded web and the other marginal edge of said panel being proximal to a portion of said folded web located at a predetermined distance from the other marginal edge of said folded web, and said sealing step in step (a) comprises joining a length of peel seal material to said other marginal edge of said panel and to said portion of said folded web located at a predetermined distance from said other marginal edge of said folded web, said opposing portions of said film material comprising respective portions of said folded web proximal to said marginal edges of said folded web and a portion of said panel proximal to said one marginal edge of said panel.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): A [[The]] method of manufacturing a reclosable bag, comprising the following steps: as recited in claim 41,

(a) arranging and sealing film material to form a receptacle having a mouth and an interior volume with a tamper-evident feature that blocks access to said interior volume;

(b) prior to completion of said receptacle with tamper-evident feature, joining opposing portions of said film material, that will form said mouth of said receptacle, to respective backs of first and second flangeless zipper strips;

(c) aligning said first and second flangeless zipper strips with each other; and

(d) after steps (b) and (c), mounting a slider onto said aligned first and second flangeless zipper strips with respective portions of said opposing portions of said film material being disposed between respective side walls of said slider and respective backs of said first and second flangeless zipper strips,

wherein step (a) comprises the following steps:

folding a web of film material along first, second and third fold lines to form a serpentine profile comprising first and second inner legs and first and second outer legs, said first outer leg being connected to said first inner leg at said first fold line, and said second outer leg being connected to said second inner leg at said third fold line, wherein confronting portions of said first inner leg and said first outer leg form said opposing portion joined to said first

zipper strip, and confronting portions of said second inner leg and said second outer leg form said opposing portion joined to said second zipper strip;

joining respective portions of said first and second inner legs of said web to form said receptacle;

folding said first outer leg along a fourth fold line;

folding said second outer leg along a fifth fold line; and

joining respective opposing portions of said folded first and second outer legs to each other, thus forming a header that covers said zipper strips.

Claim 51 (Canceled).